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In response to the Ex parte Quayle Action of January 3, 2006 for which a shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on March 3, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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